



## **LOVENIA – Summit for Democracy – Written Statement**

### **Defence against authoritarianism**

**Slovenia undertakes to continue its efforts to raise the awareness of victims of totalitarian and authoritarian regimes and to support their victims**

- Slovenia will continue to carry out awareness-raising activities about the dangers of past and contemporary totalitarian and authoritarian regimes, to eliminate their legacy and consequences and to support their victims.
- As one of the initiators of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P), Slovenia will continue its preventive activities aimed at raising awareness of the primary responsibility of states to protect their populations from negative social processes that might lead to atrocities.
- Within international organisations and as a member of the Alliance for Multilateralism, Slovenia will strive to strengthen effective and rules-based multilateralism, with the UN playing a central role. It will support international criminal justice and remain active in the fight against impunity.
- It will continue to raise awareness of the rule of law and strengthen the rule of law in all branches of power.

**Slovenia will continue to implement measures aimed at promoting and protecting the freedom and independence of the media and journalists and pluralism in the media space**

- Slovenia will continue to implement its statutory obligations related to the media providing for their freedom and independence and for pluralism in the media space. It will implement the necessary policies to prevent concentration of media ownership and to ensure ownership transparency.

- Slovenia undertakes, in accordance with its powers, to take action in cases of attacks on professional journalism, journalists or the media, and to promote zero tolerance towards such attacks.

### **Slovenia will strengthen its activities in the fight against disinformation and hate speech**

- In these endeavours, it will at the same time safeguard free access to information and freedom of speech.
- In development cooperation projects, Slovenia will continue to strengthen social resilience in the fight against disinformation in the Western Balkan countries.
- Slovenia opposes switching off the internet in the fight against disinformation or public unrests.
- Slovenia plans to design programmes and cooperate with interested professional parties to increase digital literacy.

### **Slovenia undertakes to strengthen cooperation with a broad set of NGOs and promote the development of pluralist civil society**

- Slovenia will continue to implement the National Strategy for the Development of the Non-Governmental Sectors and Volunteering by 2023, devoting special attention to the creation of favourable conditions for a broad and pluralistic network of NGOs.

### **Slovenia undertakes to strengthen its activities aimed at raising the awareness of antisemitism and victims of the Holocaust**

- As an IHRA member, Slovenia will continue to train teachers for teaching about the Holocaust and its consequences. It will ensure the translation of the necessary awareness-raising materials into Slovene.
- It will keep up its annual support for the projects promoting tolerance, interpersonal respect, and respect for diversity.

### **Slovenia will continue efforts to protect free and fair elections from interference by authoritarian regimes**

- Slovenia will strengthen its support for the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), thus actively promoting the implementation of democratic elections in the world.
- It will deploy a higher number of long- and short-term observers to election monitoring missions. It will organise training courses for the observers.
- It will additionally strengthen the recommendations for and technical assistance to countries facing shortcomings in election processes.

## **Fight against corruption and economic and organised crime**

### **Slovenia undertakes to design additional measures to fight corruption in the country**

- Slovenia will continue to transparently compile, manage and update relevant databases, including the (1) central catalogue of the metadata collections of state bodies, municipalities and other public sector bodies; (2) register of institutions using public funds; (3) website of state budget revenues and expenditures and projects funded from the state budget; (4) public procurement portal and contracts concluded, thus contributing to transparency; (5) application which enables review of the management of public institutions and companies in majority state ownership.

### **Slovenia undertakes to support and assist other states in the fight against corruption**

- To combat corruption, money laundering, financing of terrorism, economic crime, terrorism and trafficking in human beings, Slovenia undertakes to strengthen its development and technical assistance to third countries, particularly the Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership states, exchange good investigation and prosecution practices, particularly in financial investigations, enhance cooperation between competent institutions and promote data exchanges.
- Slovenia will strengthen its development and technical assistance to the above-mentioned states in the spheres of public sector integrity, prevention of corruption, protection of whistle-blowers and the strengthening of public

administration. In so doing, it will promote the anti-corruption standards of the Council of Europe – GRECO, OECD and the European Union.

- Slovenia undertakes to promote the responsibility of states in using ICT, thus contributing to the strengthening of international peace and cybersecurity.
- As part of the UN processes, Slovenia supports the proposal for the Programme of Action for advancing responsible state behaviour in cyberspace.

## **Promotion of human rights at home and abroad**

### **In the framework of international organisations, Slovenia will continue to be proactive in the promotion of and respect for human rights**

- Slovenia undertakes to strengthen its efforts to ensure respect for human rights in international organisations, including the UN Human Rights Council and UN General Assembly. In keeping with foreign-policy priorities, it will respond to human rights situations in the world by issuing national statements and supporting relevant resolutions.
- Within the UN Human Rights Council, it will continue to participate in the universal periodic reviews in all countries.
- Within the Council of Europe, it will continue its efforts to strengthen control mechanisms and participate in the development of standards for facing new challenges (environmental instrument). In accordance with its commitments, it will continue its efforts to ensure respect for the human rights and protection of national minorities.
- It will continue its development cooperation projects focusing on the promotion of (1) gender equality and women's empowerment, (2) freedom of religion and belief, (3) human rights education, (4) access to clean water and sanitation, and (5) strengthening the role of mediation.

### **Slovenia undertakes to keep up its efforts in preventing and combating trafficking in human beings**

- In preventive action, Slovenia will strive to raise the awareness of the at-risk groups of children and youth.

- It will make every effort to effectively identify and investigate all forms of trafficking in human beings and prosecute the perpetrators.
- It will continue to ensure the protection of and assistance to human trafficking victims in accordance with the Act ratifying the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, and to implement the measures facilitating the social reintegration of victims.
- Slovenia will enhance its cooperation with the victims' countries of origin and transit, and with international and regional partners.

**By designing appropriate policies and measures, Slovenia will promote equal opportunities, particularly of vulnerable individuals**

- Slovenia will continue to adopt measures aimed at achieving progress in preventing domestic violence.
- Slovenia undertakes to adopt a new resolution on the National Programme for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men until 2030.
- It will continue to design and strengthen policies aimed at enhancing its commitments to eliminate gender-based violence against women at home and abroad.
- It will continue its activities to prevent violence against older persons and to ensure the comprehensive implementation of human rights of older persons, also in the context of digital literacy.
- As part of the empowerment of particular vulnerable groups, Slovenia will strive to increase enrolment and the number of faculty members in ICT and related interdisciplinary studies and promote higher enrolment of girls in particular.

**Slovenia undertakes to actively engage in the empowerment and integration of Roma**

- Slovenia will continue its efforts to improve the social and economic situation of the Roma community members, creating the conditions for improving their social inclusion and empowerment. It will implement measures and support the Roma community in order to promote their inclusion and equality in

Slovenian society, fully aware that human rights, responsibility and the rule of law apply equally to all citizens.

**Slovenia will contribute to the development of international standards for protection of human rights in the context of new technologies and artificial intelligence**

- Slovenia undertakes to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms in the context of new technologies and artificial intelligence.
- In the development and application of new technologies and artificial intelligence, Slovenia undertakes to adopt an approach based on respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, devoting special attention to privacy, dignity, right to due process, protection of consumers' rights, non-discrimination, and trust in new technologies.
- Slovenia will continue to actively engage in regulating AI in the EU, developing international standards within international organisations, and strengthening cybersecurity.

**Slovenia undertakes to respect human rights in business**

- Slovenia undertakes to strengthen its cooperation with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in order to broaden the commitments related to the corporate responsibility of technological businesses.
- Slovenia undertakes to pursue the goals of the [UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights](#) on the basis of the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights (NAP).